

## Encourage Your Preschooler to Love God's Word

- Buy your child a Bible. In church, help your child find the sermon scripture in their Bible. After Sunday School, help your child find the passage they studied. Underline verses you are memorizing.
- Encourage a quiet time of Bible reading (or looking at picture Bible) at a specific time of day. Make it a routine.
- Emphasize that the Bible is God's true word and everything in the Bible is true.  
Read or tell stories from the Bible or read a children's Bible.
- Use language/words that children understand. Break Christian words down into basic concepts. For example:  
Sin-doing what God's Word says not to do  
Christian-someone who loves Jesus and believes in Him  
Prayer-talking to God
- Pray for you and your child to grow to love the Bible
- Use Scripture throughout the day. Repeat the verses before dinner and before bed, while brushing teeth, or while driving to school or on errands.
- Pray the scriptures over your children.
- Make memorizing scripture fun: \*Use a puppet \*Make a puzzle of the verse \*Act out the verse  
\*Record/videotape your child while they say the verse and then play it back  
\*Scripture verse sandwich \*Sing the verse to familiar tunes like "Happy Birthday"  
\*Say the verse while jumping rope or hopping/throwing a ball back and forth

### Finger plays

#### Jesus Made Me

Jesus made me--  
head and shoulders, knees and toes,  
ankles, legs and neck and nose.  
Jesus loves me--  
head and shoulders, knees and toes,  
ankles, legs and neck and nose.

#### God Made My Hands

God made my hands that go clap, clap, clap.  
God made my feet that go tap, tap, tap.  
God made my body that turns around,  
And now everyone sits quietly down.

#### God is so Great.

God is so Great. (spread arms wide)  
I am so Small. (crouch down)  
But God cares for me. (point to self)  
He loves us all. (point to everyone)

#### God Loves You

One, Two (Count w/ fingers)  
This is true.  
God loves me. (point)  
God loves you.

#### The Bible

The Holy Bible is God's Book. (Book w/ hands)  
Let's Open it and see.  
Where He tells us of His Love.  
He loves you, He loves me. (Point)

#### God's Special Book

The Bible is God's Special Book. (Book w/ hands)  
His words are written there. (Open book)  
And when I turn each page to look,  
I handle it with care. (Pretend to turn)